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Dear Sir:

Petitioner, Acorn Cardiovascular, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota and having its primary place of business at 601 Campus Drive, St Paul, Minnesota, in the county of Ramsey, and the state of Minnesota represents that it is the owner of the entire right, title and interest in U.S. Patent No. 6,375,608, issued April 23, 2002, and entitled CARDIAC REINFORCEMENT DEVICE, by virtue of our assignment recorded at Reel 8315, Frame(s) 0463. Attached herewith is a Certificate under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) establishing Acorn Cardiovascular, Inc.'s right as assignee to take action.

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Date: Sep 25, 2003


J. Edward Shapland, Senior Vice President

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